



New England Fishery Management Council

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NOTICE OF SKATE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The New England Fishery Management Council is conducting public hearings to solicit comments on Draft Amendment 3 including a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to the Skate Fishery Management Plan. The draft amendment and DSEIS, as well as a public hearing document, are available on the Council’s web site http://www.nefmc.org/skates/planamen/amend3/Amend3_DSEIS_Sept08.htm, or may be obtained by contacting the Council office.

<u>City and Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hyannis, MA Monday, October 27, 2008 7:00 p.m.	Radisson Hotel 287 Iyannough Road Hyannis, MA 02601 Phone: (508) 771-1700
New Bedford, MA Tuesday, October 28, 2008 7:00 p.m.	Whaling Museum 18 Johnny Cake Hill New Bedford, MA 02740 Phone: (508) 997-0046
Narragansett, RI Wednesday, October 29, 2008 7:00 p.m.	Narragansett Town Hall 25 Fifth Avenue Narragansett, RI 02882 Phone: (401) 789-1044
Portsmouth, NH Thursday, October 30, 2008 7:00 p.m.	Urban Forestry Center 45 Elwin Road Portsmouth, NH 03801 Phone: (603) 431-6774

Written comments on the draft amendment and DSEIS will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. EST on November 10, 2008. Comments may be sent to:

Ms. Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service
1 Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

Mark on the envelope “Comments on Skate Amendment 3”. Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281-9135 or submitted via e-mail to Skateamendment3@noaa.gov with “Comments on Skate Amendment 3” in the subject line.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. This schedule is subject to change. If you have any questions, please call the Council office for final confirmation of meeting times, dates and location.

cc: Skate IP’s, Advisors & PDT, Groundfish Advisors & PDT
Notice Date: October 6, 2008